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Dear all,

I'd like to bring to your attention that we (BEIS) have today decided to extend the deadline for suppliers to provide their latest smart meter rollout forecast information by one month to February 28th.

We were reluctant to make any changes to the response date partly because we know that suppliers utilise the BEIS template to fulfil their DCUSA and SPAA forecasting responsibilities.

However, as many of you will be aware, last week we made announcements concerning the SMETS1 and Advanced Meter Exemption end dates and we wanted suppliers to be able to incorporate any changes they make as a result in their forecasts. Similarly, at this time of year we also receive the annual forecast from the 'small' suppliers, plus the large suppliers submit their plans to Ofgem and we wanted to obtain the best quality information possible, hence the extension.

It should be noted that this is intended to be a 'one-off' change and that future quarterly returns will return to the previous schedule thus the next information will be due at the end of April.

I apologise for the rather late notice of this change (it was agreed today following last week's announcements) and for any inconvenience it may cause, but we felt that on balance it was preferable to receive information that reflected supplier's plans as accurately as possible, particularly at this time of year when we have our only opportunity to receive the 'small' supplier data.

I would be grateful if this message could be passed on to those DCUSA and SPAA parties not covered in the distribution list above please.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Regards

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